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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE

REF: STATE 185594

1. WE HAVE RAISED THE QUESTION OF PS PARTICIPATION IN THE PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH SAVOY DEPUTY JEAN-PIERRE COT ARRIVING WASHINGTON AS INTERVISITOR GRANTEE AUGUST 10. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL FURTHER DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM.

2. COT NOTED THAT ONLY SOCIALIST PARLIAMENTARY GROUP PRESIDENT GASTON DEFFERRE COULD MAKE THE DECISION TO BRING THE SOCIALISTS INTO THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. CURRENTLY ON A CRUISE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN DEFFERRE WILL BE OUT OF TOUCH UNTIL SEPTEMBER 5. COT HAS THEREFORE WRITTEN TO DEFFERRE TO EXPLAIN OUR CONCERNS AND TO STATE HIS SUPPORT FOR PS PARTICIPATION IN THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. DURING COT'S ABSENCE THE MATTER WILL BE HANDLED BY GEORGES FILLIOUD, PS DEPUTY FROM THE DROME WHO WILL CONTACT EMBASSY AS REQUIRED.

3. ALL DEPUTIES WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A USEFUL EXCHANGE PROGRAM COULD BEST TAKE PLACE IN MID-OCTOBER BUT SEVERAL HAVE EXPRESSED THE

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THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE TO HAVE U.S.

PARLIAMENTARIANS GO DIRECTLY TO VARIOUS CONSTITUENCIES
IN FRANCE IN SEPTEMBER. WHILE NO ONE IS CURRENTLY PRO-
MISING ANYTHING ALONG THESE LINES AT LEAST THREE DEPUTIES
HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER
WITH TERRENOIRE.

4. REQUEST THAT EUR/WE'S E.J. BEIGEL
STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH U.S. PARLIAMENTARIANS.
GAMMON

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